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The Water Problem.

It now appears as if all the perturbation over the question of a water supply for the town was going to culminate in the making of a new contract with the Orange Water Company. It is claimed that the members of the Committee of Fifteen not members of the Town Council favor such a course if anything like satisfactory terms can be obtained from the water company. Some members of the Council are not at all disposed towards taking the unofficial members of the Committee of Fifteen into consideration in any further negotiations over the water question, and insist that the Council shall act along independent lines. A public-meeting resolution adopted by a large representation of taxpaying property-owners, advises the Council to take steps towards constructing a water plant in the town. But as that was only one provision of the series of resolutions adopted, and the Council ignored another and very important one of them, it would not be consistent policy on the part of the Councilmen to seize upon the final one and exclaim, "This is the will of the people, and this we will do."

In so far as the resolutions were ignored in the main purpose they were intended to serve, the Council can now afford to ignore them all. The case with the Committee of Fifteen is different. It took the public into its confidence and the public followed its advice. Technically the Committee of Fifteen appointed on the evening of May 29 may be construed to have finished the duty assigned to it when it submitted a report on October 29, but there is but little doubt that public sentiment favors a waiving of the technicality and the continuance of the committee until the water supply question is definitely settled. It was demonstrated beyond a doubt that the Town Council pursued a course contrary to public sentiment in calling the election of November 10, but it would be regarded almost as an insult to the public to force the citizen members of the Committee of Fifteen out of all consideration in the water supply negotiations on mere technical grounds.

The report of the committee on October 29 was a premature and forced report. The committee stated in effect that its work had been blocked by the action of the Town Council, and the report that was then rendered was for the purpose of making the situation clear to the people, and of getting the people to act with them in requesting the Council to hold the proposed election.

If the members of the Committee of Fifteen not members of the Council deem it the best way out of the water difficulty to make a new contract, and they have good reasons for advising such a course, there is every reason why such a report should be submitted to a public meeting and the reasons set forth before the people. The Town Councilmen will not be the gainers by the maintenance of an antagonistic attitude towards a committee of citizens, even though the committee be technically dead.

A Serious Loss.

The little daughter of Policeman Egan of Glen Ridge was sent down to the Bloomfield Centre Thursday to make some purchases. She had a $10 bill. Her purchases amounted to less than $1, and when she reached Liberty street and Bloomfield avenue she discovered that $9 in change was gone. Policeman Shorter went carefully over the route that the girl had gone, but no trace of the money could be found.

Christmas Box.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First Church held an all-day sewing meeting on Tuesday, with the largest attendance on record. A very valuable box was packed in the afternoon for the family of a home missionary in Nebraska.

At the Remnant Store.

J. E. Williams & Co., proprietors of the remnant store at Verona, announce that on Monday they will open a new lot of heavy and light weight woolen goods. For particulars see advertisement in another column.

Annexation.

A startling turn was given to the standing topic of annexation to Newark Thursday when two members of the Town Council wagered cigars on the nearness of that event. The affirmative side of the bet was that annexation would take place before next May. The alarming feature about the wager is that the Councilman who bet in the affirmative is alleged, to know a man who claims to have personally seen the annexation bill

In the opinion of many people the man on the affirmative side is destined to lose the cigars. Inquiry has been made among members of the Legislature about the Bloomfield annexation bill. None of them have heard of it, and it has not come up for discussion as a legislative matter effecting Essex County and they are disposed to regard it as a myth. One member of the Legislature said that he was confident that any annexation bill without a referendum attached would be little likely to receive consideration by the Legislature. The popular impression is that the present annexation furor will die out with the settlement of the water question. It is safe to assert that not a few of there people who in a moment of temporary indignation over some phase local government have declared for annexation would when they were brought face to face with the possibility of it work hard against it.

To give geographical consistency to the annexation of Bloomfield to Newark the Silver Lake district of Belleville would have to be included, and there is no desire there, it is understood, for any such project and the Township of Belleville would oppose it.

Selfish Reasons.

The expected opposition to the erection of a county isolation hospital on the site selected by the committee of the Essex Board of Freeholders has materialized and objections have been filed with the Belleville Township Committee. The reasons given by the objectors are purely selfish, and are on the lines that have been followed by property owners in the past when land had been secured in their vicinity for a municipal hospital for contagious diseases. The one plea on which the signers of the petition ask the Belleville Township Committee to interfere with the county's plans is possible depreciation in the value of their property. On the strength of the objection the members of the Township Committee have referred the petition to the Town Counsel for advice, and he will make a report.

Under the law passed at the last session of the Legislature it is hardly probable that the Belleville authorities can legally interfere with the construction of the hospital. The site is as distant as possible from any thickly settled community, while still being convenient of access. It was because of its isolated character in regard to present population that the location was chosen. There is probably no spot in the county where the danger of contagion growing out of the location of the institution would be less. Under these circumstance Belleville, as a municipality, has no righteous cause for attempting to interfere.

The objectors to the site have one course open to them if they believe they can prove that their property would be depreciated in value by the building of the hospital, and that is to appeal to the courts. There the damages, if any, could be judicially determined, and in the mean while there would need be no delay in proceeding with the plans for the county hospital. The general welfare of the people of the county should count for much more than the selfish interests of a few property owners.—*Newark News.*

Legislative Organizing.

The Republican members of the State Assembly will meet in caucus at Trenton, at which matters pertaining to the organization of that body will be discussed. It is claimed that Mr. Colby will be elected as the leader of the majority, with John Boyd Avis as speaker. It is on schedule that the Essex man will be nominated by the very man who so vigorously opposed him for the place. The corridor gossips have it that Leader Colby will return the compliment by appointing the Morris man to chairman of the steering committee. The leadership of the majority carries with it the chairmanship of the committee on judiciary, a place which Mr. Colby's legal training well qualifies him to hold.

Sewer Main Uncovered.

The October flood laid bare a long stretch of the Orange sewer along the south side of Second river east of the Lackawanna Railroad bridge. The Orange sewer officials are at work constructing a levee that will prevent further washing away of the embankment of the stream at that point.

Board of Trade.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in the Essex County Building and Loan Association's rooms on Thursday night. It is anticipated that the water supply question will be a subject of discussion.

Recorder Post Critically Ill.

Police Recorder Jacob G. Post is ill and his recovery is a matter of grave doubt. He is suffering from an aggravated attack of liver complaint.

Get an electric grind on your skates at Chas. W. Smith's, 25 Broad street.

Mrs. Hewitt Contests.

An interesting document upon the question of Morris canal abandonment is a brief filed with the commission of ex-Governors by Lindabury, Depue & Faulks of Newark and Edwin A. S. Lewis on behalf of Mrs. Sarah A. S. Hewitt and the borough of Lake Hopatcong. Mrs. Hewitt is the widow of the late Abram S. Hewitt of New York, and, according to the brief, "is the owner of the whole of the easterly shore of that portion of Greenwood lake which lies within the State of New Jersey." This land has a lake frontage of about five miles.

Increased the Age Limit.

The Belleville Board of Fire Commissioners passed on first reading Thursday night an amendment to the ordinance governing the township department. According to its design each company will consist hereafter of twenty-five men instead of twenty, and the age limit of applicants for membership will be fixed at fifty years instead of forty-five.

Unitarian Laymen to Organize.

An association of the laymen of the Unitarian churches of Northern New Jersey has been formed, and a meeting for organization will be held at the Astor House, New York, on Monday night, when a dinner will be served at six o'clock. Rev. Walter Reid Hunt of Orange will speak on "Legitimate Means of Increasing the Attendance and Membership of Our Churches."

Annual Reception

The annual reception of the parishioners of Christ Episcopal Church was held in the Parish House Tuesday night. It was largely attended, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Carefully Considered.

The Commissioners of Tax Appeals held several sessions during the past week and made careful inquiry into the complaints submitted to them by aggrieved tax payers. The probability is that some of the cases may go to the State Board.

Daring Theft.

The office of Dr. Nelson M. Chitterling, the dentist, located on the second floor of the National Bank building, was entered by a sneak thief on Thursday at noon time, and dental materials valued at $75 were stolen. An ounce of gold that Dr. Chitterling had purchased the day previous was among the articles tolen.

Sacred Cantata.

The sacred cantata, "Seed-time and Harvest," will be rendered in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church on Sunday evening by a chorus of some fifty voices. The chorus of the First Congregational Church of Montclair and Glen Ridge have combined for the occasion.

Taking Precautions.

Since the advent of cold weather, with the danger from fires more frequent, Chief Smith of Glen Ridge has distributed fire extinguishers in different parts of the borough so that they may be handy in case of emergency.

Silver Lake Comedy.

A number of young people in the Silver Lake section are arranging for the presentation of Sydny Grundy's three-act comedy, "Snowball," which will be presented in Belleville Hall, January 8. The proceeds will be devoted to the Belleville Free Public Library.

Dr. Wrensch Wins the Wine.

Dr. A. E. Wrensch of Montclair was the first one to reach the American House in this town in a sleigh this season, and by so doing won the bottle of wine which George B. Tucker, the proprietor, has given for many years.

Local Jottings.

Mr. Van Nest and family of Glen Ridge, will go to New York next week to remain part of the winter.

Lewis Dawkins, President of Essex Hook and Ladder Company, is ill at his home in Franklin street.

Mr. Kendall of Hillside avenue, Glen Ridge, has returned from an extended business trip.

Mrs. Margaret Dawkins, widow of the Rev. Charles C. Dawkins, is quite ill at her home in Princeton.

Public schools were closed yesterday owing to the meeting of the teacher's institute.

Twenty-five new cars of the combination open and closed pattern are to be placed on the Bloomfield avenue line.

Wm. Haight of Montgomery street was tendered a surprise party last night by a number of friends. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Walter Eilor will have charge of the Young Men's Christian Association meeting in the Watsessing M. E. Church Chapel to-night.

Miss Elsie MacMillan of Brooklyn, who has been visiting Mrs. J. E. Lancaster in State street, has returned to her home.

The choir of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church assisted the choir of the Montclair Congregational Church Sunday night in the production of the cantata Seed time and Harvest.

Skates ground while you wait. Chas. W. Smith, 25 Broad street.

Oldboy's Observations.

TO THE EDDYTUR:—

Fur a long time past I've bin considerin why it is that in this town thare has never bin publik spirit enuff to set agoin a "Young Men's Christian Association." I blive everybody will agree that it wood be the meens of doing a grate deel of good, and a grate help to the young pepel of the town. Now Ime just goin to give the diffrent missions of Bloomfield, Watsessin and Glenrige a hint to meet together and deside upon the best way to bring the subjekt before the young men of the diffrent kongregashuns, and in that way fine out how menny young men wood jine it. I dont think it wurth whiid to make enny argument in favor of sich a movement; evry hed of a family in town nose it wood be one of the best things that kood happen to have a plase whare thare children kood meet and find rashunal enjoyment for mind and body. It strikes me that if the movement shood be properly started thare will be found more than enuff young men very glad to unite in forming the associashun, and pay suffisient dues to meet the running expenses; the only obstakel in the way seems to me to be a plase of meetin. Now I spose I shall be kald a littel vizzunary if I mensbun the old library buildin; just as like as not I am, but twont do no harm to think about it, beside it wood be a good thing to put it to sum useful purpus. I've hurd that it kood be bot very cheap, and if after a propper egsaminashun it sho[illegible] to be perfekly safe, I [illegible] a littel more [illegible] and konvenient fur all that is needed, inkludin a play room fur boys. Now yoni say whares the munny kummin from to buy the buildin and fit it up properly? In anser to that I may as well own up, I dont no; but I kant help thinkin thare is plenty to be had, if the rite pepel undertake to look fur it in the rite way. Moreover, I dont dout that it would be a safe investment, and if a Young Men's Christian Associashun is started on a solid foundashun, in a few years tha will be abel to pay off all that shood be advansed and own the buildin themselves.

I dont think it is wurth the time to argyfy in favor of it; every man and woman in town nose how much sich an institushun is needed for the benefit of the risin generashun.

That kuzzin Enoch of mine is allers nosin around when I'm ritin, and is shure to find out what it is, and put in his opinyun. Hese got an idee that the Jarvie Memorial fokes, who have got pritty much all the konveneyances that are needed, wood let sich an associashun have the use of thare rooms whare noi otherwise okupide, until tha kood git fareiy started and abel to stand on thare own feet; the associashun of kourse to pay a reasonabel reut. I jist give this fur what it is wurth, my objekt in ritin all this bein to set a good menny fokes to thinkin, and when tha have thot to the purpurs do a littel akting.

So no more at present. Yours to kommand,

OBED OLDBOY.

Hospital Contributions.

Contributors to the Mountainside Hospital in November were Mrs. Wm. Chancellor, Mr. Chas. J. Murray, Mr. Thomas Oakes and Dr. Gertrude Ward.

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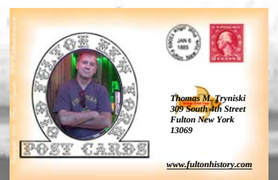
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